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500 Workers Initiative

Jurisdiction high-level Status as of 31 May 2024

Notes:

- Data is as of 31 May 2024 and is subject to regular changes.
- Not all state and territory data are updated monthly as this is dependent on individual jurisdictional arrangements with service providers.

Jurisdiction	Commenced Workers	Commenced FTE	Next Steps
New South Wales	6	4	• New South Wales expects contracts to be in place by 30 June 2024. • Recruitment will commence once contracts are in place.

Victoria	11	11	• The recruitment of new workers is progressing in line with Victoria's plan:
			  ○ 11 workers have been employed,
			  ○ 4 further offers have been confirmed, and
			  ○ 20 further roles are currently being recruited.
			• The filled roles include:
			  ○ three case managers at a multicultural agency. Collectively, they speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, Ukrainian and Russian, as well as all speaking English.
			  ○ One worker employed at an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation.
			• Family Safety Victoria is working with peak bodies on the next stage of this important project.

Queensland	0	0	• Queensland has allocated funding to specialist sexual assault services to employ 62 new workers. Contracts with 31 sexual assault services have been executed.

			• Recruitment of workers is underway who are planned to commence progressively between 1 June 2024 and 1 July 2024. • With an overall target of 112 workers by 30 June 2025, Queensland aim to recruit the remaining workers through a request for quote process which was published on QTenders on 27 May 2024 and through a separate purchasing process for LGBTIQA+ community health organisations.
Western Australia	6	6	• As at mid-May, service contracts with organisations have been awarded for all workers. • Recruitment is in progress.
South Australia	15	8.8	• All Service agreements now executed. • Organisations are now recruiting and working towards having full FTE recruited by 30 June 2024, subject to workforce availability.
Tasmania	17	15.6	• Recruitment is underway with Tasmania expected to achieve close to their 2023-24 target and are on track to deliver their full FTE worker number of 24.6 FTE workers by end of 2024-25.
Australian Capital Territory	5	5	• The Australian Capital Territory are on track for 6 workers by 30 June 2024. • 3 workers have recently commenced with Canberra Rape Crisis Centre, with another worker due to commence before 30 June 2024. • 2 workers have commenced with YWCA
Northern Territory	3	3	• Grant agreements with 11 crisis accommodation services have been executed and funding paid out for 12 children's workers (one of the services nominated 2 workers) • Grant agreements with 2 service providers for 3 co-responder model workers have been executed, and funding is in train.

			• Grant agreements for 2 services for 2 victim survivor specialist court workers have been developed and are in the process of execution. • The final worker is for the Women's Safety Worker for the new Men's Behaviour Change Program in Katherine, which is expected to commence in 2024-25. It is likely that this worker will be commissioned as part of the overall commissioning in early 2024-25.
TOTAL	63	53.4	